



## ❖ RECREATIONAL TARGET SHOOTING ❖

### **Is hunting considered the same as recreational target shooting in the D-E NCA draft RMP?**

No. The decisions under consideration in the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area (D-E NCA) draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) do not restrict lawful hunting activities as defined by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

### **How is the BLM proposing to manage recreational target shooting?**

The BLM has five management alternatives under consideration in this draft RMP. Under all five alternatives, the BLM's objective is to manage recreational activities (including recreational target shooting) in a manner that promotes public health and safety. For this reason, the BLM is considering restricting recreational target shooting in areas where visitors tend to congregate and in areas that are close to residential developments or major transportation corridors.

The BLM also considered recreational target shooting restrictions to protect recreational settings. Within different proposed recreation areas, target shooting can affect other visitors' experience and enjoyment. Where the sights and sounds associated with recreational target shooting would interfere with visitor expectations and experiences that are appropriate to a particular area, such as the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness or other quiet-use areas, alternatives were developed that restrict target shooting.

The table below outlines the extent of closures being proposed under all five alternatives:

|  | <b>Alternative A<br/>(No Action)</b> | <b>Alternative B</b>                 | <b>Alternative C</b>                      | <b>Alternative D</b>                      | <b>Alternative E<br/>(Preferred)</b>   |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>Area<br/>proposed for<br/>target<br/>shooting<br/>closure</b> | ~15 acres                            | 210,012 acres<br>(Entire D-E<br>NCA) | 104,999 acres<br>(~50% of the<br>D-E NCA) | 156,942 acres<br>(~60% of the<br>D-E NCA) | 9,995 acres<br>(~5% of the<br>D-E NCA) |

### **Where in the draft RMP can I find more information about recreational target shooting?**

Proposed decisions related to target shooting in the D-E NCA can be found in the following sections:

- Chapter 2 ("Alternatives"), beginning on page 112, outlines the proposed decisions related to target shooting in the D-E NCA.
- Maps are located in Appendix R ("Maps Cited within the DRMP"). These illustrate areas where target shooting would be restricted under the different alternatives.

**Questions to consider when commenting on proposed recreational target shooting decisions:**

- Are the areas with proposed target shooting restrictions appropriate? Why or why not?
- Are there other areas where target shooting restrictions should be considered? Why or why not?